

Application No. 10/564,530**Docket No. 2134-033****REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the consideration given the present application. Claims 1-6, 8, 11, 12, and 14-21 are pending, and claims 13 and 14 are indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 7, 9, 10, and 13, which are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8, 10, and 14 are amended to depend from claim 1. A minor change, similar to language used in claim 1, is also made to claims 8, 10, and 21. The limitations of claims 5, 11, and 12, upon which claim 13 formerly depended, are not believed to be influential in the allowance of claim 13.

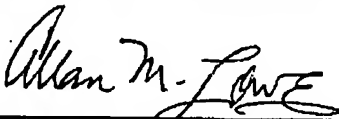
All claims are believed to be allowable, and passage to issue is in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

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